fishery jetties at Talchuan, Jamboo and Tantialpal of Cuttack district is pending before Government for approval;

(b) if so, by when the above proposals would be approved; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Proposals for construction of fishery jetties at Talchua and Jamboo cluster of villages in Cuttack district which includes the Tantiapal village, were received from the State Government of Orissa. On examination, it was found that the proposal for Talchua was in complete. The State Government was advised to prepare and resubmit the feasibility report in consultation with the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery, Bangalore. In case of Jamboo, the State Government was requested to confirm that no forest land was involved in the development of facilities and that the project had been cleared from environment angle.

Old Palm project in Gujarat

1825. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat is planning any oil palm project and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Technology Mission on Oilseeds as well as ICAR R & D despite claims of breakthroughs in new oilseeds over last 10-15 years have failed to improve its productivity and production; and

(c) whether Government propose to close down ICAR or totally revamp it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir. The Department of Horticulture, Government of Gujarat is planning to take up 24 oil palm demonstration plots of one hectare each in identified areas.

(b) No, Sir. The production of oilseeds has increased to around 19 million tonnes in the year 1990-91 from 10.8 million tonnes in the year 1985-86, representing an increase of 76 per cent. During the same period, productivity per hectare of oilseeds rose from 570 kgs. to 784 kgs., an increase of 37.5 per cent.

(c) No Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration,

1826. [*Transferred to* 30 *July*, 1991]

Loss of Food Grains due to inadequate Storage Capacity

1827. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Miniter of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total foodgrains loss suffered by Food Corporation of India due to lack of storage capacity and also due to pests during the year 1989, 1990 and so far in 1991; and

(b) what measures have been taken to reduce the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Food Corporation of India incurs losses of foodgrains during storage and transportation. The transit and storage shortages for 1991-92 will be known after the close of the financial year when the accounts are finalised. Accounts for 1990-91 have not been finalised so far.